

OPERATIONS GROUP FILE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report for the [] site survey at London

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1. A TELCOM contractor and the undersigned visited the London Bureau on 8 thru 12 April 1980 for the purpose of finalizing the design and installation criteria for [] which is planned for the Bureau.

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2. Initial planning for this terminal proposed that a [] antenna would be installed on the BBC Receiver site at Crowsley supported by a communications and equipment van located near the antenna. The installation design criteria for this plan was coordinated and developed with the proper BBC representatives. The Chief of the BBC monitoring service expressed concern of the environmental impact such a large antenna would have in a rural area and the acceptance/approval of the local planning commission authorities of such an installation.

3. Due to the concerns expressed in paragraph 2, alternate BBC sites were surveyed to determine if other locations for this installation was feasible. It was concluded that three (3) locations could support the [] installation; 1) The BBC receiver site at Crowsley, 2) the middle level terrace in front of the BBC monitoring service building at Caversham, 3) and the 'South East' field at Caversham.

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4. Chief of BBC monitoring service supports the plan for the 'South East' field. In his opinion, this site would be easiest to gain approval from the local authorities. However, building space for supporting equipment was not identified and is considered as a premium.

5. The site survey was terminated with all parties in agreement that FBIS would submit the installation site plan to BBC for approval, BBC will submit the plans to their architectural and civil engineering department who in turn will approach the proper local planning authorities and will provide the actual installation drawings including cost estimates and schedule for the installation.

6. The estimated time frame for paragraph 5 is six months.

7. In observing the local pricing scale for sampled items of interest, it should be noted that costing in England will be approximately three times that of U.S. estimates.

8. I would like to extend my personal thanks for the hospitality and cooperation of all those who supported this trip.



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cc: London Bureau